

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner has allowed Claims 1-25 and 30-33.

Examiner has rejected Claims 26-29 “under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.” Specifically, Examiner stated that, “in regards to Claim 26, it is unclear what is meant by ‘in a manner’?” However, Examiner has stated that Claims 26-29 “would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.”

In response, Applicant has amended Independent Claim 26 to clarify that a bobbin and a spool held by the device, as claimed, are held in a “positional relationship” wherein their winding axes are non-coaxial. Applicant respectfully believes that Claim 26, as amended, is no longer indefinite, and is in condition for allowance. Further, because Independent Claim 26 is now allowable, Examiner’s rejection regarding depending Claims 27-29 is now moot.

Examiner has also rejected Claims 34 and 35 “under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Manning* (U.S. 3,854,673).” In order to proceed to patent allowance with respect to those claims found by Examiner to contain allowable subject matter, as referenced hereinabove, Applicant has cancelled Claims 34 and 35, without prejudice. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue prosecution of all cancelled subject matter in a continuation application to be filed during the pendency of the present application.

CONCLUSION

The above-made amendments are to form only and thus, no new matter was added. Applicant respectfully believes that the above-made amendments now place the remaining Claims in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further questions and/or comments, Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned Attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted, this 27th day of March, 2006,



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